



December 15, 2009

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Mr. Charles Terreni  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Re: Filing of Quarterly Monitoring Report by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Pursuant to S.C. Code §58-5-430  
Docket No. 2005-125-G

Pursuant to Section 58-5-430 of the South Carolina Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act, enclosed is the quarterly monitoring report for the twelve-month period ending September 30, 2009, for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.

If you have any questions about this filing, you may reach me at 704-731-4560 or Robert Thornton at 704-731-4148.

Sincerely,

s/ Jenny Furr  
Jenny Furr  
Manager, Regulatory Reporting

Enclosures

c: ORS – Carey Flynt (5 copies via overnight delivery)  
Scott Elliott  
James H. Jeffries IV

Net Operating Income and Rate of Return  
For The Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2009  
South Carolina  
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	<u>Per Filing</u>	<u>Accounting And Pro Forma Adjustments</u>	<u>After Pro Forma Adjustments</u>
Operating Revenues			
Sale of Gas	\$ 191,396,511	\$ (8,338,904)	\$183,057,607
Other Operating Revenues	941,234	-	941,234
Total Operating Revenue	<u>\$ 192,337,745</u>	<u>\$ (8,338,904)</u>	<u>\$ 183,998,841</u>
Operating Expenses			
Cost of Gas	\$ 126,558,548	\$ (15,556,257)	\$111,002,291
Other Operation & Maintenance	27,351,734	(\$637,518)	26,714,217
Depreciation	11,991,350	649,857	12,641,207
General Taxes	6,825,350	(56,707)	6,768,642
State Income Taxes	977,318	58,474	1,035,792
Federal Income Taxes	4,476,120	2,411,898	6,888,018
Amort. of ITC	(49,092)	-	(49,092)
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 178,131,328</u>	<u>\$ (13,130,254)</u>	<u>\$ 165,001,075</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>\$ 14,206,416</u>	<u>\$ 4,791,350</u>	<u>\$ 18,997,766</u>
Interest on Customer Deposits	(134,423)	-	(134,423)
Amortization of Debt Redemption Premium	(13,357)	(481)	(13,838)
AFDUC (Allowance for Funds Use Const)	64,718		64,718
Customer Growth	23,922	8,145	\$32,068
Net Operating Income For Return	<u>\$ 14,147,277</u>	<u>\$ 4,799,014</u>	<u>\$ 18,946,291</u>
Original Cost Rate Base			
Plant In Service	\$ 386,139,278		\$ 386,139,278
Accumulated Depreciation	(155,732,437)		(155,732,437)
Net Plant In Service	<u>\$ 230,406,841</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 230,406,841</u>
Add:			
Construction Work in Progress	2,842,778		2,842,778
Materials and Supplies	17,145,298		17,145,298
Cash Working Capital	(167,028)	(113,672)	(280,700)
Deduct:			
Customer Advances for Construction	-		-
Customer Deposits	3,632,134		3,632,134
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	43,217,724		43,217,724
Unclaimed Funds	359,393		359,393
Total Original Cost Rate Base	<u>\$ 203,018,638</u>	<u>\$ (113,672)</u>	<u>\$ 202,904,966</u>
Return on rate base	<u>6.97%</u>		<u>9.34%</u>

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	After Accounting and Proforma Adjustments							
	Per Books Capitalization	Accounting and Pro Forma Adjustments	Settlement Capitalization	Ratio %	Cost Net Investment	Embedded Cost %	Overall Cost Rate %	Net Operating Income
1. Long-Term Debt	723,515,972.00	(5,770,677.49)	717,745,294.51	43.58%	88,425,984.00	6.8680%	2.99%	6,073,096.58
2. Common Equity	923,444,318.30	5,770,677.49	929,214,995.79	56.42%	114,478,982.00	11.2500%	6.34%	12,873,194.25
3. Total	<u>\$ 1,646,960,290</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$ 1,646,960,290</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 202,904,866</u>		<u>9.34%</u>	<u>\$ 18,946,291</u>

CERTIFICATION

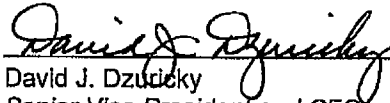
I, Thomas E. Skains and David J. Dzuricky, state and attest, under penalty of perjury, that the attached Quarterly Monitoring Report is filed on behalf of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. as required by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina; That I have reviewed said report and, in the exercise of due diligence, have made reasonable inquiry into the accuracy of the information and representations provided therein; and that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all information contained therein is accurate and true and contains no false, fictitious, fraudulent or misleading statements; that no material information or fact has been knowingly omitted or misstated therein, and that all information contained therein has been prepared and presented in accordance with all applicable South Carolina general statutes, Commission rules and regulations, and applicable Commission Orders. Any violation of this Certification may result in the Commission initiating a formal earnings review proceeding.



Thomas E. Skains  
President and CEO

12/11/09

Date Signed



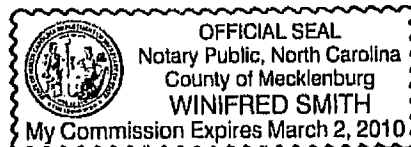
David J. Dzuricky  
Senior Vice President and CFO

12/11/09

Date Signed

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this

11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 2, 2010.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached *Quarterly Monitoring Report for the Twelve-Month Period Ending September 30, 2009* is being served this date via email and UPS Overnight (5 copies) upon:

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And that a copy of the attached *Quarterly Monitoring Report for the Twelve-Month Period Ending September 30, 2009* is being served this date via email and U.S. Mail upon:

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This the 15th day of December, 2009.

s/ James H. Jeffries IV  
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